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G AND ELEVENTH STREETS

Diver Captures German U-Boat,
His Weapon a Monkey Wrench

Story of Sea Warfare Narrates Bluff Message Rapped On Hull of Sleeping Submarine, which Made Her Rise and Yield to Waiting Destroyer—Duped Captain's Language Awful.

By JOHN R. BALDERSTON.

London, Dec. 18.—Probably forty German submarines—no one outside the grand fleet and the admiralty knows the exact number—have been destroyed or captured by the silent watchers of the English seas since the Von Tirpitz "blockade" began ten months ago. In not one instance have the details of how a U-boat was entrapped been officially announced, not even since the dwindling number of German sea monsters and the transfer of most of those that remain to the Mediterranean have practically ended the peril in home waters.

The natural result of this policy of silence has been an avalanche of rumors. For every submarine entrapped, it is safe to say there have been ten descriptions circulated by word of mouth specifying some entirely distinct method which has caught, or is catching, U-boats by the dozen. Some of these reports are true. Most of them, obviously, are not.

Told For Its Face Value.
The story told below is the best of the crop. It has been submitted to the authorities, and neither confirmed nor denied, and I give it as I heard it, and in the words of the press censor here when he passes copy for publication, "take no responsibility for the correctness of the statements made." It was told by a sailor from a German submarine, now a prisoner in England, to a British official, and the fact that I have received permission to repeat it may indicate that it is not true, or that the trick described was worked under circumstances so unusual that there is no possibility of its ever happening again.

After a voyage of ten days from Wilhelmshaven, the German sailor said, the U-27, on her maiden voyage in enemy waters, found her first prey in a tramp steamer off the coast of Ireland. A patrol boat was soon seen on the horizon, scuttling along at her maximum speed of seven knots or so, and since patrol boats carry wireless the "Teuton" "captain-lieutenant" in charge knew destroyers would soon be on the scene. He gave orders accordingly to make for a shallow bay

where other submarines in the past had lain hidden on the bottom until danger had passed.

Had Off Kinship Head.

The sailor did not know the name of this bay, but he described a headland running into the sea, with a town and harbor nearby, and the description of its Courtmaccaberry Bay, on the western side of the Old Head of Kinsale, and the possible rendezvous of the submarine which sank the Lusitania only a few miles away. The eastern side of Hook Point, near the town and harbor of Waterford, may also be the place referred to.

The U-27 "slept" on the bottom, some forty feet below the surface, all that night and half the next day, and in spite of the artificial measures taken to maintain the supply of oxygen the strain commenced to tell. The instruments on board recorded the presence of ships passing to and fro, the throb of the propellers of destroyers above could be constantly heard, and the captain knew the British were aware of his hiding place. Soon an attempt must be made to creep some miles away, rise for air, and try to submerge again before a shell from a destroyer should bring the new ship's career to an untimely end.

"Suddenly," the sailor said, "I heard a sound of a chain rasping along our keel. None of us spoke. We all thought we knew what had happened. We had all heard stories about the English traps set for our boats that go out and do not return, and it seemed that we were caught by a chain, although how trawling could be carried out at such a depth we couldn't guess.

Heard Strange Rapping.

"The officers gave no orders, for what was there to do but wait? Then came a strange noise, a rapping on the hatch. It was repeated over and over, and sounded like a man driving a rivet into a steel plate in a shipyard.

"The torpedo mate ran into the engine room, where the captain-lieutenant was, and they came out together, talking in low voices, while the rapping continued. The mate climbed up

BAPTIST CLASS HOLDS
ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Founders of Immanuel Church at Celebration—Percy S. Foster, Leader for Many Years, Speaks.

Ten years ago a group of residents of Mount Pleasant met over the old post office, in Park road near Fourteenth street, and organized a little Bible class, with Percy S. Foster as superintendent. Two months later, the infant class was made the foundation for the Immanuel Baptist Church, now quartered in a new edifice at Sixteenth and Columbia road northwest.

Yesterday morning, the class observed its anniversary with special services, at which Mr. Foster, who remained superintendent until last year, was the principal speaker. Dr. G. W. Pope, the present superintendent, also delivered an address. Charles V. Inlay, director of the men's section of the class, welcomed newcomers to the class, and Rev. G. G. Johnson, pastor of the church, made a few remarks. On the platform were more than a score of those who attended the organization meeting ten years ago. The church is planning a big celebration in observance of its tenth anniversary early in March.

to the hatch, took off his shoe, and rapped twice with its heel. From the sailor's story, it seems there was something like a panic among the crew, which the captain checked with a few sharp words of command. Even in the water, the German sailor or soldier is more afraid of his officers than of the enemy or of death itself. Meanwhile, as soon as the mate had signalled the U-boat to rise, the rapping commenced again. "You fools, it is a diver," said the captain. The mate took out a notebook, and commenced to write. Once he rapped again with his shoe, interrupting the noise from outside. Apparently he asked for something to be repeated which he had failed to catch. Then the rapping began again.

After what seemed a long time to the awe-stricken sailors, the noise stopped, and the mate, still standing on the hatchway, read to the captain a message something like this, as the sailor said he remembered it:

Telegraphed a Warning.
"Mine fixed in your hull connected to destroyer. If you move sideways to escape it will be exploded. Rise immediately and surrender."

It seems a short message to take many minutes to rap out by the Continental telegraph code, which the mate, it happened, knew. But the difficulty of making the most simple movements under water, when in a diving suit, may have hindered the emissary from above from spelling out his message as rapidly as he could have done it in a telegraph office, or perhaps the mental strain on the listening sailors made one minute seem like ten.

The mate rapped a few times in answer, and then held a very short and agitated conference with the captain. "We crowded about, for we had heard, and we would not have permitted any other answer than the one the herr captain gave," said the narrator.

"Tell him I surrender," said the captain, and the message was spelled out by the mate's shoe. A moment later the submarine shot to the surface, and the men piled out on deck. A few yards away was a destroyer. Her gun crews were ready for the command to blow U-27 out of the water. Except for this little difficulty, the German might have scuttled away in safety. For there was no mine fastened to her. And as the Germans suddenly looked across at the smiling tars around the guns and at other sailors lowering a boat to receive them, they saw, hauled over the side of the warship, the diver who had bluffed them into surrender.

Used a Monkey Wrench.

He had a monkey wrench in one hand, with which he had rapped out his blood-curdling summons on the hull of the U-27, and, in the other, was a piece of chain two feet long which he had rapped along the German's side to make the inmates believe his message.

The story must stop here, for the rest of it, through no activity of the censor, cannot be printed. It consists of awe-stricken attempts by the German narrator to reproduce the language which he says his commander used in the next five minutes, both to his men before being taken off his craft and to the English officers who received him on their own.

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HIKE COVERS SIX MILES;
FORT KEMBLE VISITED

Gordon True and James P. Green Lead Wanderlusters on Weekly Stroll.

Seventy-five wanderlusters yesterday walked six miles through Georgetown and outlying sections of Washington. The hikers were led by Gordon True and James P. Green. They assembled about 1 o'clock at Thirty-sixth and M streets northwest, and started for Foxhall Run.

Tunlaw road was followed and American University circled. The hikers came out on an abandoned road near Massachusetts avenue. They followed this to Little Falls road, and thence to Chain Bridge road, which took them to Albany station, where cars were taken for the return to Washington.

Particular attention was given in the hike to Observatory Heights, where the walkers stopped some minutes for a view across Georgetown to Western High School and the Lincoln Memorial. Fort Kemble was also visited.

Hagerstown's Annual Ball.

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 2.—The annual reception and ball was held at the Hagerstown Country Club Saturday night, with a large attendance of society people present from Baltimore, Washington, Frederick, Cumberland, Chambersburg, Pa., Winchester, Va., and other cities and towns.

Bulgar Credit of \$106,000,000.

Zurich, Jan. 2.—The Frankfort Gazette states that the Bulgarian Parliament has voted a \$106,000,000 credit.

HOLY NAME AT
ANNUAL VESPERS

Father Smith Says Honesty and Justice Is Needed in American Life.

SOMETHING IS WRONG

Mutual Love Between Children and Parents Can Restore Right Conditions in Homes, He Says.

A strong appeal to the Holy Name Society to carry the Christian principles of honesty and justice into the business, politics and homes of the country was made by Rev. Ignatius Smith, of the Dominican College, Brookland, in his sermon at the annual vespers service of the society at the Immaculate Conception Church last night.

"You all know there is something wrong with the world today," said Father Smith. "There is something wrong with home life, the backbone, the very life of the nation. You men know that there is a lack of that respect for the authority of the home that marked your young days, because the world is wandering."

Mutual Love Means Home Life.

"Here is your practical mission, not as a society, but as individuals, to spread the teachings that home life only can be

secured by mutual love of children and parents.

"What is the matter with business today? Why is there a continual struggle between employer and employee that is tearing the very social structure of our country? It is because men lack Christian principles. Here, again, is your mission to carry with you in your business relations the principles of honesty and justice you receive in this society."

"What is the matter with politics today? I should hardly talk of politics to men who are unjustly deprived of the right to vote, but I do so that you may be guided in your thoughts. We need, in the politics of our country, honest men who can think along lines of duty and justice."

Many Priests Attend.

Long before the hour set for the service, the members began to flock to the church from the twenty-seven parishes of the city that make up the Washington section of the society. Nearly all the pastors of twenty-seven parishes attended, occupying the center aisle in the front pews were John Hadley Doyle, president of the Washington section, and Michael D. Schaefer, head of the Baltimore arch-diocesan union of the society, including Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Rev. M. J. Riordan, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, was celebrant, assisted by Rev. Francis M. McGraw, deacon, and Rev. N. M. de Carlo, subdeacon. Two scores of acolytes, in immaculate white vestments, surrounded the sanctuary. The service was arranged by Frank J. Bresnahan, secretary of the Washington section of the society.

Music was furnished by a specially organized choir, directed by Mrs. Clara Baker Smith and Harry Wheaton Howard.

Among the churches represented in the Washington section are: St. Matthew's, St. Ann's, St. Dominic's, St. Mary's, St.

POSTS HIS PHOTO AS WARNING.

Harrisburg Man Notifies Dealers Not to Sell Him Booze.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 2.—R. D. Sheaffer, a local baker, whose fight against the booze habit is as persistent as it is picturesque, today hung pictures of himself in local barrooms as a further warning to sell him no alcoholic drink.

Sheaffer wants to quit drinking, but he admits the difficulty of resisting temptation. He found that pleading with bartenders during his sober moments that they sell him nothing was of little avail, for when he wanted a drink he always could find a bartender who didn't know him.

New German Aeros Almost Invisible.

Petrograd, Jan. 2.—Two German aviators just captured describe the new German aeroplanes recently put into commission. They are of the Albatross type, fitted with transparent wings which are impregnated with a secret composition. While the planes are not entirely invisible, they make difficult targets, as they always appear to be flying much higher than they really are.

Cured His RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trunks did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation. If you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 433-B, Marcellus Avenue, Massachussetts, I will send you this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.

STOCK OF LIQUOR INTERFERED.

Columbia, S. C., Jan. 2.—The advent of statewide prohibition found quite a stock of liquor in the eleven city dispensaries here. It was taken to the State cotton warehouse for safe keeping until the legislature decides what is to be done with it. Thousands of dollars' worth of intoxicants were purchased here just before the dispensaries closed.

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